

Minutes
State Board of Education Meeting

Date
Wednesday, March 12, 2014

Time
1:00 p.m.

Location
Rutledge Conference Center
1429 Senate Street
Columbia, South Carolina

Barry Bolen, Chair
Traci Young Cooper, EdD, Chair-elect
Mick Zais, PhD
State Superintendent of Education
Secretary and Administrative Officer to the Board

SBE Mission: The State Board of Education's mission is to provide a leadership role in helping South Carolina set policy and direction to transform teaching and learning so that students are prepared with the necessary knowledge and skills, including innovation, to compete globally and live a productive life.

I. WELCOME/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The State Board of Education meeting convened at 1:00 p.m. Chair Bolen called the meeting to order. Dr. Cooper, Chair-elect, led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The following State Board of Education (SBE) members were in attendance: Barry Bolen, Chair, Eleventh Judicial Circuit; Traci Young Cooper, EdD, Chair-elect, Fifth Judicial Circuit; Samuel Alston, EdD, First Judicial Circuit; Jim Griffith, Second Judicial Circuit; Lonzena Harry, Third Judicial Circuit; David Blackmon, PhD, Fourth Judicial Circuit; James Stroman, Sixth Judicial Circuit; Neil Willis, Seventh Judicial Circuit; Ivan Randolph, PhD, Eighth Judicial Circuit; Larry Kobrovsky, Ninth Judicial Circuit; Jeffrey Kubu, Tenth Judicial Circuit; Bishop Michael Blue, Twelfth Judicial Circuit; Danny Varat, PhD, Thirteenth Judicial Circuit; Thomas Shortt, EdD, Fifteenth Judicial Circuit; Rhonda Edwards, EdD, Fourteenth Judicial Circuit; John Rampey, Sixteenth Judicial Circuit; and Mike Brenan, Governor's Appointee.

The following South Carolina Department of Education (SCDE) staff were in attendance: Cindy Van Buren, Deputy Superintendent, Division of School Effectiveness; Dino Teppara, Director, Office of Legislative and Public Affairs; Shelly Bezanson Kelly, General Counsel and Parliamentarian, Office of General Counsel; Don Cantrell, Chief Information Officer; Mary Hipp, Interim Director, Office of Educator Services, Division of School Effectiveness; Cathy Jones-Stork, Education Associate, Office of Instructional Practices and Evaluations, Division of School Effectiveness; Briana Timmerman, PhD, Director, Office of Instructional Practices and Evaluations, Division of School Effectiveness; Roy Stehle, Director, Office of Federal and State Accountability, Division of Accountability; Darlene Prevatt, Team Leader, Office of Federal and State Accountability, Division of Accountability; Barbara Drayton, Deputy General Counsel, Office of General Counsel; Anna Burns, Program Coordinator, Office of Legislative and Public Affairs; and Rachel Kerley, Recording Secretary, Office of Legislative and Public Affairs.

II. APPROVAL OF STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES FOR JANUARY 8, 2013

Chair Bolen asked if there were any objections to approving the minutes for the SBE meeting on January 8, 2014, as presented. Hearing none, the minutes were approved by unanimous consent.

III. APPROVAL OF STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION AGENDA FOR MARCH 12, 2014

Chair Bolen asked if there were any objections to approving the agenda for the SBE meeting on March 12, 2014.

Dr. Blackmon requested that item PL-03 be removed from the Consent Agenda.

Hearing no further objections, Chair Bolen stated that the amended agenda was approved by unanimous consent.

IV. RECOGNITION OF VISITORS, INCLUDING NEWS MEDIA

Chair Bolen welcomed visitors to the SBE meeting. He also welcomed John Finan, Chairman of the Commission on Higher Education, who addressed the Board.

V. STATE BOARD CHAIR REPORT

Committee assignments were presented to the members.

New Board members introduced themselves:

- Dr. Ivan Randolph, Eighth Judicial Circuit
- Mr. Jim Stroman, Sixth Judicial Circuit
- Dr. Samuel Alston, First Judicial Circuit

VI. STATE SUPERINTENDENT OF EDUCATION REPORT

School Visits

Dr. Zais visited 12 schools and met with numerous principals, superintendents, and administrators since the January Board meeting.

- He visited Sandhills Middle and Swansea High in Lexington School District Four.
- He also visited the STEM academy at Holly-Hill Roberts Middle School in Orangeburg District Three with past Board member, Dr. David Longshore.
- On February 7, he was accompanied by the Executive Director of the Council of Chief State School Officers. They toured the Governor's School for the Arts and Humanities, A.J.

Whittenberg Engineering Elementary School, Stone Academy for the Arts, and Greer Middle College Charter High School.

- On February 10, Dr. Zais toured Spring Hill Magnet High School and the Center for Advanced Technical Studies in Lexington-Richland District Five.
- Dr. Zais met with the superintendent of Anderson School District One and visited Palmetto High School.
- On March 3, he visited with the superintendent of Richland School District Two and then toured Richland Two Charter High School.
- Also in March, Dr. Zais visited with the new superintendent in Sumter County. There, he spoke with members of the school board and the district office staff. Together, they toured the Sumter County Career Center.
- Finally, in Beaufort County, on January 16, Dr. Zais met with four high school principals.

Public Appearances

Dr. Zais listed some recent public appearances:

- January 8 press conference announcing Governor Haley's education initiative
- Testified before the House Ways and Means Subcommittee
- Addressed the Hilton Head Island Chamber of Commerce, the Beaufort County Republican Party, the Simpsonville Chamber of Commerce, the Sumter County Chamber of Commerce, the Young Bankers of the South Carolina Bankers Association, and the Greenville County Republican Women
- Attended the South Carolina Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors Meeting
- Spoke at the National School Choice Week Whistle Stop Tour in Columbia
- Presided at the South Carolina Financial Literacy Board
- Attended the February TransformSC Steering Committee
- Served as a panelist at the SC Business News Quarterly Power Breakfast
- Participated in board of trustees meetings for the University of South Carolina and Winthrop University, as well as the Citadel Board of Visitors meeting

Media Interviews

Dr. Zais was interviewed by the following media this month:

- Jonathon and Kelly show on WVOC radio, 100.1 FM
- Keven Cohen Radio Show, 95.9 FM
- Greenville News
- Associated Press for their Newsmaker series
- WSPA-TV
- Charleston's Rocky D radio show
- WLTX-TV

He was also filmed for two shows: one at ETV about personalized education, which will be available on the Department's YouTube account; and the other for a documentary about the changing landscape of education, which will air nationally on PBS.

Dr. Zais encouraged all in attendance to connect with the SCDE via social media including Facebook, Twitter, Google Plus, Instagram, and Linked In.

This concluded the State Superintendent's report.

VII. PUBLIC COMMENT

The following participated in the public comment portion of the meeting:

- Jackie Hicks spoke against item PL-03.
- Trevor Ivey, Sumter School District Teacher Forum

VIII. STATE BOARD ITEMS

ELC EDUCATOR LICENSURE COMMITTEE

Committee Report—Mike Brennan

FOR APPROVAL

01. Approval of the Ratification Agenda

Mr. Bolen called for a vote to approve the ratification agenda. The motion carried.

EP EDUCATION PROFESSIONS

Committee Report—Dr. Danny Varat, Chair

The Committee heard one action item and four information items, including an annual report on the Passport to Teaching certificate program, a report for Proviso 1.14, information on teacher loan forgiveness, and ESEA waiver decisions.

FOR APPROVAL

01. Proposed Content Knowledge Assessment for Licensure in Agricultural Education—Cindy Van Buren, PhD, Director, Office of Educator Services, Division of School Effectiveness

The Committee placed EP-01 on the consent agenda.

SLA STANDARDS, LEARNING, AND ACCOUNTABILITY

Committee Report—Dr. Thomas Shortt, Chair

The Committee heard one action item and three information items. The information items were about instructional materials allocations, Common Core standards, and the Common Core assessment.

FOR APPROVAL

- 01. Appointment Recommendations for the 2014 Instructional Materials Review Panels**—Briana Timmerman, PhD, Director, Office of Instructional Practices and Evaluation, Division of School Effectiveness

The committee placed SLA-01 on the consent agenda.

IF INNOVATION AND FINANCE

The IF committee heard two information items. The first was a financial update for fiscal year 2013–14. The second was about funding for the SBE retreat, which will take place May 14–15 in Columbia.

Committee Report—John Rampey, Chair

PL POLICY AND LEGISLATIVE

Committee Report—Mr. Barry Bolen, Chair

The PL Committee heard four action items and two information items.

FOR APPROVAL

- 01. Department of Juvenile Justice (DJJ) School District Waiver Request of 2 S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 43-205 (2011), Administrative and Professional Personnel Qualifications, Duties and Workloads**—Darlene Prevatt, Team Leader, Office of Federal and State Accountability

The committee placed PL-01 on the consent agenda.

- 02. Richland School District One Waiver Request of 2 S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 43-205 (2011), Administrative and Professional Personnel Qualifications, Duties and Workloads**—Darlene Prevatt, Team Leader, Office of Federal and State Accountability

The committee placed PL-02 on the consent agenda.

03. **Charleston County School District (CCSD) Request for Exemption Pursuant to S.C. Code § 59-19-350**—Darlene Prevatt, Team Leader, Office of Federal and State Accountability

Darlene Prevatt introduced John Emerson, Charleston County School District's attorney, and Chris Allen with Main Street Education group and answered questions regarding this request. Mr. Griffith asked to reiterate that the Department of Education has recommended approval of this request. Ms. Prevatt stated that the SCDE recommends approval.

Chair Bolen called for a vote. The motion carried.

04. **Union County School District Waiver Request of 2 S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 43-205 (2011), Administrative and Professional Personnel Qualifications, Duties and Workloads**—Darlene Prevatt, Team Leader, Office of Federal and State Accountability

The committee placed PL-04 on the consent agenda.

Mr. Bolen called for a motion to approve the PL Committee report. The motion carried.

SB STATE BOARD ITEMS

FOR APPROVAL

01. **State Board of Education Teach For America (TFA) Guidelines Update (Second Reading)**—Mary Hipp, Interim Director, Office of Educator Services, Division of School Effectiveness

Mr. Brenan moved to approve SB-01, State Board of Education Teach For America (TFA) Guidelines Update. Dr. Cooper seconded the motion. The motion passed.

FOR INFORMATION

02. **University of South Carolina Update on Educator Evaluation Pilot**—Dr. Leigh D'Amico, Research Assistant Professor, Office of Program Evaluation, College of Education, University of South Carolina

IX. CONSENT AGENDA

The following items were approved in committee and placed on the Consent Agenda:

EP EDUCATION PROFESSIONS

01. **Proposed Content Knowledge Assessment for Licensure in Agricultural Education**—Mary Hipp, Interim Director, Office of Educator Services, Division of School Effectiveness

SLA STANDARDS LEARNING AND ACCOUNTABILITY

01. **Appointment Recommendations for the 2014 Instructional Materials Review Panels**—Kriss Stewart, Office of Instructional Practices and Evaluations, Division of School Effectiveness

PL POLICY AND LEGISLATIVE

01. **Department of Juvenile Justice (DJJ) School District Waiver Request of 2 S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 43-205 (2011), Administrative and Professional Personnel Qualifications, Duties and Workloads**—Roy Stehle, Director, Office of Federal and State Accountability
02. **Richland School District One Waiver Request of 2 S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 43-205 (2011), Administrative and Professional Personnel Qualifications, Duties and Workloads**—Roy Stehle, Director, Office of Federal and State Accountability
04. **Union County School District Waiver Request of 2 S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 43-205 (2011), Administrative and Professional Personnel Qualifications, Duties and Workloads**—Roy Stehle, Director, Office of Federal and State Accountability

Dr. Cooper moved to approve the consent agenda. Mr. Griffith seconded the motion. The motion carried.

X. OTHER BUSINESS

Legislative Update and General Assembly Requests Related to SBE Regulations (if necessary)—Dino Teppara, Director, Office of Legislative and Public Affairs

Shelly Kelly presented requests from the General Assembly to change regulations regarding changes to the term “certificate” in proposed regulations.

Dr. Blackmon moved to withdraw Regulation 4406, Requirements for Certification at the Advanced Level; amend the regulation as requested in the March 12, 2014, letter from Senator Courson; and resubmit the regulation with the designated changes. Mr. Rampey seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Dr. Shortt moved to withdraw Regulation 4407, South Carolina Virtual School Program; amend the regulation as requested in the March 12, 2014, letter from Senator Courson; and resubmit the regulation with the designated changes. Dr. Blackmon seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Dr. Cooper moved to withdraw Regulation 4419, Adult Education; amend the regulation as requested in the March 12, 2014, letter from Senator Courson; and resubmit the regulation with the designated changes. Dr. Blackmon seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Dr. Cooper moved to withdraw Regulation 4420, Adult Education Program; amend the regulation as requested in the March 12, 2014, letter from Senator Courson; and resubmit the regulation with the designated changes. Mr. Rampey seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Dr. Blackmon moved to withdraw Regulation 4422, Requirements for Additional Areas of Certification; amend the regulation as requested in the March 12, 2014, letter from Senator Courson; and resubmit the regulation with the designated changes. Mr. Willis seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Dino Teppara gave a report on current proposed legislation:

H. 4419 is a bill to establish a teacher evaluation system and did not pass out of the House subcommittee. H. 3994, "Read to Succeed," has passed out of subcommittee. H. 4413, "Report a Bully," is pending before the committee. H. 3648 eliminates the starting date for schools in August and is also pending before the House committee. H. 3435, which revises the comprehensive health education act, did not pass the subcommittee. H.3428, which deals with school readiness, was passed by the full House by a vote of 113 to 0.

The Senate Education Committee considered three bills today: S. 300 repeals Common Core; H. 3919 removes requirement of HSAP score for graduation; and S. 888 requires General Assembly to approve standards not developed by the SCDE.

Today the committee passed out a compromise bill that would keep the Common Core in place until a cyclical review can start, no later than December 2018, and removes the state from the Smarter Balanced Consortium.

Mr. Teppara also provided clarification about Dr. Zais' opinion on the Smarter Balanced assessment. Dr. Zais said, "We are not wedded to Smarter Balanced. We have an obligation to pick the highest-quality, least-expensive test... We are totally open to alternatives."

Mr. Griffith asked how much money was requested for school busses next year. Dr. Zais answered that the SCDE has requested \$36 million to replace 1/15th of the fleet.

Chair Bolen gave the Oath of Office to the three new members.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the SBE adjourned at 3:17 p.m.